Recommendation of Law Commission regarding women prisoners

†1555. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has recommended the exemption of women prisoners from labour work under section 433 (A) of Criminal Procedure Code;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard so far; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for the improvement of conditions of women prisoners in various jails?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

(c) 'Prisons' being a State subject as per entry 4 of the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, it is the responsibility to the State Governments to take necessary steps for the improvement of conditions of women prisoners. However, Central Government have been providing financial assistance to the State Governments for improving the condition of prisons and prisoners, including women prisoners, besides issuing of advisories on the subject. The Central Government have started a new scheme for construciton of new prisons to reduce over crowding including exclusive prisons for women wherever required depending upon the number of women prisoners and other revlevant factors.

Setting up prisons exclusively for women

†1556. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make it mandatory to set up prisons managed by the women employees keeping in view the number and population of convicted women in each State;

(b) if so, the number of such women prisons set up so far in different States; and

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(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to set up the prisons exclusive for women in all the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) 'Prisons' being a State subject as per entry 4 of the State List in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, it is for the State Governments to set up prisons for women prisoners managed by the women employees 14 exclusive prisons for women exist in the States of Andhra Pradesh (2), Bihar (1), Kerala (1), Orissa (1), Punjab (1), Rajasthan (1), Sikkim (1), Tamil Nadu (2), Tripura (1), Uttar Pradesh (1) and West Bengal (1) and the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(c) Government of India have started a new scheme for construction of new prisons to reduce over crowding including exclusive prisons for women wherever required depending upon the number of women prisoners and other relevant factors.

Appointment on compassionate grounds in CISF

1557. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Industrial Security Force have any plans for appointment of near relatives of injured personnel on compassionate grounds;

(b) if so, what are the categories of people whose relatives can request for appointment in a suitable position under the compassionate grounds scheme;

(c) how many applications are pending in 2002-2003 for employment of relatives of wounded personnel in this scheme;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the management of CISF is very casual with such requests;

(e) whether replies to such applicants are not given at all; and

(f) the steps proposed to review the functioning of the scheme by CISF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) As per